

The maximum pension payable to a blind person is \$240 yearly except in the case of a blind person, who, after the coming into force of the amendment to the Act, marries a person so blind as to be unable to perform any work for which eyesight is essential. The maximum pension in such a case is \$120 yearly.

The amended Act provides that pensions payable to blind persons shall be subject to reduction as follows:—

- (a) in the case of an unmarried person or a widower without a child or children or a widow without a child or children, by the amount of the income of the pensioner in excess of two hundred dollars a year;
- (b) in the case of a married person or a widower with a child or children or a widow with a child or children, by the amount of the income of the pensioner in excess of four hundred dollars a year;
- (c) in the case of a person married to a blind person receiving a pension under the amended Act, by the amount of the income of the pensioner in excess of two hundred dollars a year.

No blind person who is married, or is a widower with a child or children, or a widow with a child or children, is entitled to any pension in excess of the pension to which an unmarried person is entitled unless such married person and his or her spouse, or such widower or widow and one or more of his or her children, are living together.

The Governor in Council is empowered to make regulations with regard to pensions for blind persons and to define the expression "is so blind as to be unable to perform any work for which eyesight is essential".

34.—Financial Summary of Pensions for Blind Persons in Canada, by Provinces, as at Dec. 31, 1939.

Item.	Prince Edward Island.	Nova Scotia.	New Brunswick.	Quebec.	Ontario.
	— Act Effective Dec. 1, 1937.	— Act Effective Oct. 1, 1937.	— Act Effective Sept. 1, 1937.	— Act Effective Oct. 1, 1937.	— Act Effective Sept. 1, 1937.
Totals, pensioners.....No.	110	551	641	1,700	1,305
Averages, monthly pensions.....\$	13.96	19.08	19.71	19.46	19.55
Dominion Government's contributions, Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1939.....\$	12,936	88,085	102,729	283,011	218,110
Dominion Government's contributions from inception of amendment to Old Age Pensions Act.....\$	20,859	153,731	175,356	537,867	404,683
	Manitoba.	Saskat- chewan.	Alberta.	British Columbia.	Total.
	— Act Effective Sept. 1, 1937.	— Act Effective Nov. 15, 1937.	— Act Effective Mar. 7, 1938.	— Act Effective Dec. 1, 1937.	
Totals, pensioners.....No.	257	244	181	276	5,265
Averages, monthly pensions.....\$	19.46	19.81	19.61	19.24	-
Dominion Government's contributions, Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1939.....\$	39,850	42,707	28,316	44,108	859,853
Dominion Government's contributions from inception of amendment to Old Age Pensions Act.....\$	70,859	70,540	41,238	74,434	1,549,567

Section 13.—Mothers' Allowances.*

Seven of the nine provinces of Canada provide for the payment of allowances to mothers who are widowed or without adequate means of support. The Province of Manitoba was the first to make such provision in 1916, and the example has been

* This information was obtained through the courtesy of the respective provincial authorities.